



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



RESEARCH WORKING GROUP *DEMAND SUB-GROUP*

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2013 UConn Avery Point Campus Groton, CT 06349

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Sullivan, working group chair, called the meeting to order at 1:24 pm. Other working group members participating in the newly formed demand sub-group were:

Richard Fu
Leah Mayor
Joe Wettemann
Russell Holmberg

II. REVIEW OF SUB-GROUP ASSIGNMENT

Kevin Sullivan reiterated the assignment the demand sub-group was tasked with which was to assess Connecticut's existing agricultural research infrastructure as it related to producers and develop suggestion(s) for improvement.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT DELIVERABLES

The group engaged in an in-depth discussion about its assignment and came to consensus on the following:

1. Sub-group members contributed their thoughts on their review of the industry stakeholder interviews, transcripts from the deep-dive meetings conducted in 2012, and the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development (GCAD) annual report;
2. An inventory of the current research and needs as it related to producers were identified by sub-group members;
3. A recommendation and suggestion for improvement was developed as a result of the identified needs.

IV. RECAP AND NEXT STEPS

Kevin Sullivan recapped the highlights of the discussion and the next steps, which include all members meeting after the week of July 20, 2013 to review and finalize the recommendations by each sub-group which will be presented by Kevin Sullivan at the August 20 GCAD meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Kevin Sullivan adjourned meeting at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jaime L. Smith
July 3, 2013